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Participants SA Travis Taylor (Taylor)  
SA Samuel Hartman (Hartman)  
F L J (J )

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Hartman	Well, have you seen one of these before?
J	I've seen it in the movies.
Hartman	Well, these are our credentials, so it tells you we're with the FBI.
Taylor	Travis, I'm a Special Agent with the FBI.
Hartman	So, and, you are?
J	F
Hartman	Last name?
J	L
Hartman	L ?
J	J
Hartman	J . Alright um.
Taylor	So, you been hanging out at foster parents this weekend?
J	Yup
Taylor	Doing anything fun there you haven't been able to do yet?
J	Well, I watched a movie.
Taylor	Yeah.
J	We went to the park one time (UI)
Taylor	(UI)
J	Yeah
Taylor	What kind of movies do you watch?
J	(UI) Watched RV (UI)
Hartman	Hum, I think I've seen that. (BEEP IN BACKGROUD) It's pretty, it's kind of funny. Where they travel across the...
J	Yeah
Hartman	...country in an RV. Do you know the main actors name is?
J	No, I can't.
Hartman	That's Robin Williams. What else?
J	Ah, went to a park. Ah, she says we'll go to swimming pool on Saturday. And I start school on Friday.
Hartman	Ok
Travis	Ah, that's right, school is about to kick off. Do you miss going to school?
J	Before I was home schooled.
Taylor	Before, in Georgia, you were home schooled?
J	Yeah (UI)
Taylor	Is it kind of a scary thing to go back or would you

	look forward to it?
J	I look forward to it.
Taylor	Oh, yeah. (LAUGHS) Seeing some other kids other than your brothers.
J	Yeah. I'm also a different color than anyone.
Taylor	Yeah, yeah.
Hartman	When was the last time that you went to school? Have you ever gone to school before?
J	Yeah, I forgot what age, I think I was..elementary school. I think the last school was third grade.
Hartman	Third grade?
J	Yeah third grade.
Taylor	So, I'm guessing you didn't get to see the newest ah Marvel movie if you were out (UI)
J	Naw
Taylor	Did you watch any other ones before that? Captain America or anything like that?
J	I watched the Civil War.
Taylor	Ok, yeah, the newest one's pretty good. It came out (UI)
J	(UI)
Hartman	(UI)
Taylor	Yeah (LAUGHS)
J	I wasn't able to watch the whole movie though. I only watched some parts.
Hartman	Yeah, you gotta see the whole thing.
J	Yeah.
Hartman	So, Civil War, are you Team Captain America or Team Ironman?
J	Ah, I'm not sure. (LAUGHS) I know....I know (UI) I think I was more...more Captain America.
Hartman	Yeah
J	Yeah
Hartman	Do you know what's cool about Captain America? He just embodies everything American right? (LAUGHS)
J	(LAUGHS)
Hartman	He...he is truthful, like no matter what. He's the straight and narrow? Right? He is truthful. And he always wants justice to be served the right way.
J	Yeah
Hartman	Like he doesn't, like even, like the U.S. government in one of the movies was kind of the bad guy.
J	Yeah
Hartman	Captain America's just....you can't, you can't break 'im.
Taylor	Yeah

Hartman	Like, truthful, justice all the way.
Taylor	His compass is..
J	Like I told (UI)
Hartman	Yeah, yeah. That's (UI) soldier, when he (UI) after, yeah.
J	Yeah
Hartman	That's the one where he's (UI) U.S. government. Yeah that's a....we're Team Captain America too.
Taylor	We're like to imagine ourselves as Captain America. (LAUGHS)
Hartman	I can't hold a helicopter down.
J	Yeah (LAUGHS)
Hartman	I can't do that. So, yeah, we're just kind of talkin' um so, everything's good with the ah folks you're staying with?
J	Yeah
Hartman	Did you get the hot wings?
J	Yeah
Hartman	You did.
J	Yes
Hartman	From where, do you know?
J	From the last time I was (UI) here.
Hartman	Where?
J	I don't know it's at but...
Hartman	Was it a restaurant or from a store?
J	It was from the people who interviewed me.
Hartman	Oh, they got the hot wings.
J	Yeah, hot wings in the kitchen.
Taylor	Buffalo, wings.
Hartman	I love hot wings.
Taylor	I'm a barbeque kind of guy.
J	Barbeque?
Taylor	Yeah
J	I like both of 'em. I like the (UI)
Hartman	Like switch it up.
J	Yeah that's it.
Taylor	Um, hum.
Hartman	Um...
Taylor	So, I don't know if Karen told you but there was a camera in the last room and um we were watching it just because we wanted to take notes and you know, check the story and what not. And I can tell you're a good kid. And ah, you know, really smart cause you remember things from a long time ago.
J	(LAUGHS)
Taylor	I'm not that old and I don't know how to remember

	anymore.
J	Yeah.
Taylor	Um, so we just want to go over a few things that ah you had talked about and just ah be as truthful with us as you can because lying to a federal agent has consequences. And we just...we don't...I'll be truthful with you and I expect the same if that's alright.
J	Yeah.
Taylor	Do you think that'll work?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Good deal. So ah, you talked about coming from Georgia and ah, Janay, your mom had talked...we got a phone call from somebody who was in Nafisa....
J	Yeah
Taylor	And Alim (PH)?, Is that what it was? And after that you just started packing up and headin' out?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Do you know if you met those people before?
J	Yeah, I met the...I went to their house before too.
Taylor	Went to where?
J	Their house.
Taylor	Oh, are they family, friends?
J	Friend, cause we rent the house from them.
Taylor	Do they live in Riverdale where you used to live, right?
J	Yeah, but I don't know where they live. They was not that far away from us but I'm not sure which ah city it was from.
Taylor	Ok. So you know their last name by chance?
J	No, unless you African, so her last name (UI) or something that.
Taylor	Ok
J	Yeah
Taylor	Um, and you don't know what they told your mom and step-dad?
J	No
Taylor	Do you...you call him step-dad? He's considered your dad or?
J	I call him Wahli (UI)
Taylor	Oh, ok.
J	Yeah (LAUGHS)
Taylor	Yeah, how long have you been with Ali? You said Wahli?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Wahli yeah.

J	Wahli, ah...my mom's married to him for I think 9 years.
Taylor	Yeah, pretty close with him?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Yeah
J	We hang out.
Taylor	You like 'im? (LAUGHS)
J	Yeah
Taylor	That's always good. Sometimes, you know, step-dad's, you never know, so.
J	Yeah
Taylor	Yeah
Hartman	What about your real dad? Do you stay in contact with him?
J	Ah, I haven't seen him for like six years, I think. (UI) I'm not even sure if I see him in like six.
Taylor	Is there...
J	The last time, I was in New York. I used to visit him in New York. (UI)
Taylor	Did your mom not want you to see him or was there something...some other reason or...
J	She was afraid that he was going to take us from her.
Taylor	Oh, ok.
J	That's because my uncle did the same thing to his brother (UI)
Taylor	He...Not Lucas? Not your Uncle Lucas?
J	No, my uncle from my first dad.
Hartman	Your dad's brother?
J	Yeah
Hartman	That uncle?
J	Yeah
Hartman	Ok
J	He took the kids away from their...my mom's (UI)
Hartman	Ok, so it by choice you don't get to see your dad or would you like to see him again?
J	I really don't care. (LAUGHS)
Hartman	I mean, did...di you like hanging out with him?
J	I remember...I just remember I used to go to his house.
Hartman	Do you know...do you remember where he did?
J	(UI)
Hartman	Ok.
J	But that's it.
Hartman	I mean, like did he have a job?
J	I don't know nothing about him. I just remember...

Taylor	You were probably what eight then?
J	No, I was six.
Taylor	Last time you saw him was when you were six.
Hartman	Oh, I though you said six years ago.
J	No, that was the last time I saw him.
Taylor	Ah, that's pretty young.
J	Yeah
Taylor	And so, do you like your foster parents that you're with right now?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Are you staying with them or do you know...what the situation is?
J	Well, I don't know.
Taylor	Ok
Hartman	Do you know that you might start school this Friday, right?
J	Yeah, I mean, I don't like that school.
Taylor	Do you feel pretty comfortable with them? You been talking a lot?
J	Yeah (UI)
Taylor	What? (OL) Does the dad only speak Spanish, is that Victor is name?
J	Yeah. But he speaks some English.
Taylor	Do you speak any Spanish?
J	No (LAUGHS)
Taylor	(UI) I think they start Spanish in elementary school now.
J	Yeah (UI)
Taylor	Did your dad ever teach you, or your step-dad, Wahli ever teach you Arabic or any?
J	He taught me how to read it.
Taylor	How to read it? Yeah.
J	Yeah
Hartman	Cool
Taylor	So, with your foster parents, ah you feel pretty comfortable with them. Anything...that you told them that you didn't tell Karen about?
J	Karen? No.
Taylor	The previous interviewer?
J	No, we don't talk about this stuff that I...I haven't talked about this (UI) I just told her like it's cold over there.
Taylor	You talking about with Karen or with your foster parents?
J	With the foster parents.
Taylor	You didn't talk about any kind of training you did?

J	No, she didn't, I mean, she didn't ask.
Taylor	When you say she, you mean your foster mom?
J	Ummmm.
Taylor	You mean your foster mom?
J	Yeah, they never ask. (UI)
Taylor	You never told them about anything that your step-dad trained you how do or anything like that or wanted you to do?
J	No. I just, we just talk about stuff that happened. We joke around. I like to watch movies.
Taylor	Ok, um some of the questions when I ask you. I know pretty well the answer, but I want to see if you will be truthful with me. Are you sure there was nothing else that you told your foster parents about?
Hartman	Now, you've seen FBI movies, right? So you...
J	I've seen FBI movies (LAUGHS)
Hartman	You know...you know what we're.....how good we are right?
J	Yes, (UI) if this is a (UI) something like that?
Hartman	A 100. We're a 100. So, we...we can tell ok when you're talking to us, you do things that you don't even know that you're doing. And we can tell if you're lying.
J	Yeah, I let..I let..I let..
Hartman	Ok, so, we don't, you know, we don't want you to lie because that....
Taylor	Has consequences, when you lie to a Special Agent.
Hartman	You're a good kid. Like we can tell. I can tell, you're a fun kid. So, we need you to just be truthful. You're not in trouble, alright. You're not in trouble. Are you in handcuffs?
J	No (LAUGHS)
Hartman	Has anybody said, you're arrested?
J	No
Hartman	You're not in trouble. So, I'm on Captain America's team.
Taylor	And you clearly like Captain America.
Hartman	You're on Captain America's team too right?
J	Yeah
Hartman	So, let's just keep it straight, alright.
J	Alright
Hartman	Alright
Taylor	So, the question was, is there anything that you told your foster parents that...any certain kind of trainings that you did in today's society or



	anything ah that your step-dad taught you that you felt, you know that maybe you wouldn't be what Captain America would approve of?
J	No
Taylor	Cause, we're gonna talk to your foster parents and they're gonna tell us what they already told other people so..
J	Right
Hartman	Are they gonna lie to us?
Jacques	No (LAUGHS)
Hartman	Alright
J	Yeah, I never told nothing.
Taylor	You sure?
Hartman	Cause I don't think they're gonna lie to us either because they have now reason to. They want what's best for you. They want what's best for everybody, ok? We want what's best for you.
Taylor	Is there a reason you risk, you would be afraid to tell us the truth? There's no reason?
J	No
Taylor	There's no reason?
J	(LAUGHS)
Taylor	Are you sure? Cause...
Hartman	It's...it's not funny. Alright, it's not funny alright. You're not in trouble. Whatever you tell us....it's gonna stay right here, alright? We're just talking to you, law enforcement to you, ok. Serious business. And so we want to be serious. We don't want you to be in trouble, ok? So, let's talk about it. Can you tell us?
J	Yeah.
Hartman	Yeah?
J	(UI) and (UI) I didn't say nothing. (UI)
Hartman	Like, we didn't say anything.
J	Like, you said asking about training and stuff life that.
Taylor	We've been told that it has come up. And then you recalled twelve month's worth of memories that you gave...when Karen asked you about what happened in the last...ah with that conversation over the weekend. What conversations you had over the weekend, you didn't particularly said you don't remember. Which is pretty astonishing considering that you could name probably could name the weapon that I had on my hip. You named every weapon that was at that residence that you living at. You named

	what happened with events when your uncle picked you up. I know you're a smart kid. So, I know you know what conversations you had this weekend and again we don't want you to be in trouble. We want you to be helping us, you know, helping America and so if there's anything that you discussed with your foster parents that you think we would want to know, this is the time to tell us.
Hartman	You know, you know what we're talking about. You know exactly what we're talking about. You know. It's ok, man because, you just let it out. You know exactly what we're talking about. Keeping it in isn't gonna do anybody any good. It's ok man. We're not here to bust you up. You're not in trouble. You're not in trouble at all. It's ok. I...I can see it's there. It's right there. You won't say it.
J	In the car you asked me about Abul, you know (UI)
Hartman	Whose Abul?
J	My step dad's son.
Hartman	Ok, what's going on with Abdul?
J	I don't know. I heard that he was missing.
Hartman	Ok. So that's all that she talked to you about?
J	Yeah, said something else but I truly don't remember. I just know that she asked me about Abul.
Hartman	Is this your foster mom or CYFD?
J	No, it was my foster mom, she asked me while we were driving, She ah she asked me, while driving yeah. She asked me when was the last time you seen him? I said, Florida. (UI) We used to visit his mom sometimes. She calls him Vic (UI) That's all I remember.
Taylor	(UI) and you saw him last in Georgia? You know, we're the FBI, we, we can....
Hartman	Tell when someone's lying, remember?
J	Yeah, I know.
Hartman	Ok, you're lying.
Taylor	There's no reason to keep a secret about it.
J	The last time I seen him was, the last time was in New Mexico.
Hartman	That's good.
Taylor	I appreciate the honesty.
Hartman	Does it feel better telling the truth?
J	A little bit.
Hartman	Yeah, it always feels better, alright. Especially since you're not in trouble, alright? Did we cuff

	you because you told us the truth?
J	No
Hartman	Cause you're not in trouble, ok. So you saw him in New Mexico, right? Where at? Where you were staying? Up where you were just at...before this weekend?
J	Yeah
Hartman	Ok
Taylor	Do you know how it was the last time you saw him? I know it's here in New Mexico but approximate weeks, months?
J	Months
Taylor	Would you say a month, two months?
J	I think it was maybe February. (UI) yeah.
Taylor	Did you hang out with him? Did you care for him?
J	I used to hold him and feed him and care for him.
Taylor	Care for him like a brother?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Yeah. Can you tell us what happened? It's got to feel good to let the truth out. It's a burden to hold lies in. And you shouldn't have to carry that burden.
Hartman	It's not yours to carry man. That's not yours.
J	No, ah, (UI) people go to this ah evil and they get inside, ah the Quran, and they have like the, like the, they call it jinns popping up, I think they have different spirits popping up or something like that.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	So, my dad what he decided was that (UI) Abdul and then when the (UI) inside....
Taylor	We're right here man, you can let it out.
J	His heart stopped.
Hartman	Yeah, man it's really hard, it's really hard. And you're super brave, alright. Remember, what you are like, alright. Truth, justice, sometimes the right thing is the hard thing. And you're doing the right thing right now and it's hard. So, take your time.
J	(Crying)
Hartman	Take a deep breath man. It's ok.
J	Ok, then, it was like a temporary thing, whatever and then after the first day, he said like wake up. So, ok they wrapped him up inside a sheet and put him on the bed.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And then, they sat on the bed and then they was

	asking him to wake up. And then, so, and they...
Hartman	It's alright man.
J	It's like to wake up and he never woke up. They kept on saying it and he didn't wake up. Then they put him inside the tunnel so he could stay cold.
Taylor	Um, hum. What you just did was very brave. And we appreciate that kind of honesty.
Hartman	Was that when he passed away? It's tough. It's your brother, right?
J	We had to wash him though.
Hartman	Has he been in the tunnel the whole time?
J	No, um, (UI) they put him inside the storage a little bit under the bed in the trailer and we used to wash him.
Taylor	Did you do any prayers for him?
J	We have to wash him and stuff. And put oil and stuff (UI)
Taylor	You're a good kid for taking care of him and praying over him. Do you understand that? You did a good thing. You didn't want to talk about it because you were afraid of what happened? Well, it's alright man. You're not in trouble.
Hartman	You're not.
Taylor	Now his mom, she'll get closure because she'll know what happened, and that he was cared after by you.
Hartman	Well, what's happened since then?
J	Um, he just stayed in the trailer, (UI) four months.
Hartman	He was in the trailer the last four months?
Taylor	You just gonna summarize just to make sure I understand, your dad was doing the ritual and um, during that ritual, his heart stopped. I don't know how the rituals work. Did..was he reciting Quranic versus or did you have you kneel?
J	Quranic versus (UI)
Taylor	Did you watch this or you just heard about it?
J	Sometimes I would see him doing it.
Taylor	Yeah, was ah Abdul getting food and water during this time?
J	They would always take breaks.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	(UI) sleep (UI)
Taylor	Yeah
J	Yeah
Hartman	What was the ritual for?
J	To take out the demons inside of him.
Hartman	The demons inside of him?

J	Yeah
Hartman	Was the ritual ever preformed on anyone else?
J	Yes
Hartman	You?
J	No, it was um Lucas' daughter. His oldest daughter and his son.
Taylor	What were their names again?
J	A and A (PH).
Taylor	And they're obviously ok. They're...
J	They're good. They only had (UI)
Taylor	During the ritual was there any kind of physical, someone touches the forehead of the person. Is there any other kind of um..
J	Yeah (UI) on his forehead.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	It happened to my mom too.
Taylor	In New Mexico or when she was growing up?
J	In New Mexico.
Hartman	Oh, (OL)
Taylor	Go ahead.
Hartman	When you say like bad demons does that mean like something, they're doing something bad or just bad within them that come out?
J	I don't really understand it but...
Hartman	Ok.
J	(UI)
Hartman	Um, hum.
Taylor	You said the same thing happened to your mom in New Mexico. Did your mom kind of, would you say your mom kind of runs the group of people that were living with you or does your step-dad run or is it someone else?
J	She runs it, I guess.
Taylor	Does your step dad not easily take orders but...my wife gives me orders (LAUGHS)
J	(LAUGHS)
Taylor	But does your step-dad listen to what your mom says?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Was...did your mom direct your step-dad to perform this ritual or was it...
J	He was already doing it in Georgia.
Taylor	He was already doing it in Georgia?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Yeah, to other people there I'm guessing?
J	To him, to A .
Taylor	Oh, ok. But that wasn't your mom telling him to do

	it?
J	When we got here that he could keep on doing it.
Taylor	And what did Subhanah and Hujrah think about it?
J	Nothing because they had the (UI) from when Hujrah had it done too.
Taylor	Um, hum. Yeah. Were they involved in um the family activities that are or were they
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